

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT	KOTARO FUJINO, SEIICHI KOHSAKA, HIDEMITSU SHOYAMA
TITLE	ARTIST SUPPORTING AND MEDIATING SYSTEM
FILING DATE	Herewith

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to a first office action on the merits of this application, please amend the claims as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please delete claims 7 and 8 in their entirety and insert instead the following claims:

-- 9. The artist supporting and mediating system of claim 1 further comprising supporters' terminals connected to said system and each said computers are interconnected via a computer network.

10. The artist supporting and mediating system of claim 1 further comprising artists' terminals connected to said system and each said computers are interconnected via a computer network.

11. Artist supporting and mediating system comprising:  
a vote accepting computer that accepts votes from supporters of preregistered artists or their artistic works;

a fee collecting computer that handles a process of charging fees to said supporters according to numbers of votes cast and a predetermined unit fee per vote;

a vote tabulating computer that tabulates votes for each artist or artistic work;  
a support fund distributing computer that distributes support funds to said artist or  
an artist who produced said artistic work corresponding to said number of votes based on a  
predetermined rate; and,  
supporters' terminals connected to said system; and,  
artists' terminals connected to said system,  
wherein said computers are interconnected via a computer network. --

REMARKS

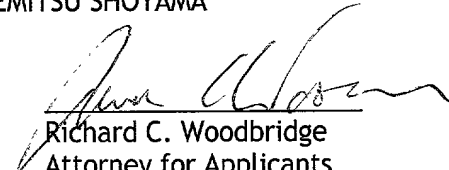
Applicants have amended the claims to avoid multiple dependencies thereby  
placing the application in better condition for examination and allowance.

If any additional amendments or changes are necessary, the Examiner is  
respectfully requested to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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